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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 3, 2000

APPLICATION OF

ONLINECHOICE.COM, INC.

CASE NO. PUE000480

For a license to conduct
business as an aggregator
in electric and natural gas
retail access pilot programs

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On September 21, 2000, as amended on September 29, 2000, OnlineChoice.com, Inc. ("OnlineChoice" or "Applicant"), filed an application for licensure to conduct business as an aggregator in electric and natural gas retail access pilot programs, as provided by the Interim Rules Governing Electric and Natural Gas Retail Access Pilot Programs ("Interim Rules"), 20 VAC 5-311-50. OnlineChoice proposes to form buying pools of retail consumers who register at its Internet Website. After forming a pool, the Applicant would negotiate with licensed suppliers of gas and electricity for service to a pool. An offer would be presented to the retail consumers in the pool, who may accept or decline. According to the application, OnlineChoice intends to charge the suppliers a fee for each participating pool member. The Applicant intends to serve eligible customers participating in the electric retail access pilot programs of Virginia Electric

and Power Company, Appalachian Power Company, and Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, and in the gas retail access pilot programs of Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., and Washington Gas Light Company. According to the application, as supplemented, OnlineChoice has served a copy of its application on these utilities as required by the Interim Rules, 20 VAC 5-311-50 C.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application, the Commission finds that OnlineChoice's application should be docketed; that the Applicant should give notice of its application; and that the Commission Staff should investigate the application and present its findings in a report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) As provided in Title 56 of the Code of Virginia and the Interim Rules, 20 VAC 5-311-50 D, this application is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE000480.

(2) A copy of the application and supporting documents shall be available for inspection in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Commission business days.

(3) Any interested person may request a copy of the application, accompanying materials, and this Order by directing a request in writing to the Applicant's counsel, Frank J. DeCarlo, Esquire, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, 535 Smithfield

Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2312. The Applicant shall, within three (3) days of receipt of the request, serve the requested documents upon the person making such request.

(4) On or before October 25, 2000, the Applicant shall publish the following notice one (1) time as classified advertising in newspapers of general circulation within the geographical areas approved by the Commission for each pilot program in which the Applicant seeks to participate:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
ONLINECHOICE.COM, INC., TO CONDUCT BUSINESS
AS AN AGGREGATOR IN ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS
RETAIL ACCESS PILOT PROGRAMS
CASE NO. PUE000480

On September 21, 2000, OnlineChoice.com, Inc. ("OnlineChoice" or "Applicant"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission for a license to conduct business as an aggregator in electric and natural gas retail access pilot programs. The Applicant intends to serve eligible customers participating in the electric retail access pilot programs of Virginia Electric and Power Company, Appalachian Power Company, and Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, and in the gas retail access pilot programs of Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., and Washington Gas Light Company.

Copies of the application are available for inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia. Copies can be ordered from the Applicant's counsel, Frank J. DeCarlo, Esquire, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart

LLP, 535 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania 15222-2312.

An original and five (5) copies of comments on the application may be filed by October 30, 2000, with the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Comments must refer to Case No. PUE000480. A copy of such comments simultaneously shall be sent to Applicant's counsel, Frank J. DeCarlo, Esquire, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, 535 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2312.

ONLINE CHOICE.COM, INC.

(5) An original and five (5) copies of any comments on the application may be filed by October 30, 2000, with the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Comments must refer to Case No. PUE000480. A copy of such comments also must simultaneously be served by first-class mail, or hand-delivered, to counsel for Applicant, Frank J. DeCarlo, Esquire, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, 535 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2312.

(6) The Commission Staff shall investigate the application and shall present its findings in a Staff report to be filed on or before October 31, 2000.

(7) On or before November 6, 2000, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any response it may have to the Staff report and

any comments that have been filed, and shall serve a copy of its response on counsel for the Commission Staff and any person(s) submitting comments. Service shall be sent by such method that ensures that the response is received by November 3, 2000.

(8) Due to the time-sensitive nature of this proceeding, the Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within three (3) business days after the receipt of the same. Interrogatories and data requests, as well as the responses thereto, shall be transmitted via facsimile as well as by first-class mail. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Commission's Rules of practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-10-450 to -510.

(9) On or before October 31, 2000, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission proof of the notice required in ordering paragraph (4).

(10) This matter is continued generally.